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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the following area will be open to purse seining during the times and in the area listed below:

##### District 9

The following areas will be open to purse seining **7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 6, 2012:**

Section 9-B: will be open in the following area:

Security Bay and contiguous waters: will be open within one nautical mile of the Kuiu Island shoreline north of the latitude of Kingsmill Point Light and west of the longitude of Meade Point with the following restriction:

Security Bay: normal makers.

Port Camden: **will be closed.**

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions: Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may be retained and sold. Chinook salmon greater than 21 inches and less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. Chinook salmon 21 inches or less may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in THAs may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained, must be reported on fish tickets, and may be sold.

Based on recent aerial observations, the chum salmon abundance in Nakwasina Sound is not sufficient to provide for a purse seine opening. No further aerial surveys of Nakwasina Sound are scheduled. The department will continue to monitor escapements in Excursion Inlet and Chaik Bay.

Due to weather conditions, no aerial survey was conducted in Cholmondeley Sound today. An aerial survey is scheduled for Wednesday, September 5, and a news release will be issued announcing the first opening on **Thursday, September 6, 2012.**

The next seine announcement concerning fall chum fisheries in Security Bay, Chaik Bay, and Excursion Inlet will be issued on **Wednesday, September 5, 2012.**

Copies of the “2012 Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan” may be obtained at department area offices listed below and can be downloaded on the department’s website at:  
[http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon\\_managementplans](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans).

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is EO 1S7812.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates							
Statistical Week 36							
Preliminary Estimates compiled September 4, 2012							
NUMBERS OF SALMON							
Area	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats
Section 9-B	5	0	150	50	200	405	3
FISH PER BOAT							
Area	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
Section 9-B	2	0	50	17	67	135	

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